

anesthetized herself during the admin-
-istration of such large amounts of
anesthetics ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} close quarters
and was dizzy all the next day. We
could none of us stand upright for
a while when the case was over having
been so long upon our knees.

I rather expected to be fagged the next
day but having followed Mr.
Fletcher's advice and eaten a very
light supper that night I awoke
next morning fresh and supple and
did a good days work at the hospital.

This case as was to be expected contract-
ed sepsis either before, during or
after the operation and according to
all authorities should certainly have
died but did not and my student

assistant who called yesterday found
^{the woman} ~~the woman~~ preparing the evening meal.
The husband is a poor man and I
charged him but three dollars.

We now have fourteen in-patients in
the hospital. Dr. W. E. Stahl the American
dentist from Seoul who is visiting

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Tardieu assisted me today in an operation
for abscess of the liver.
The patient is an old Confucian
scholar quite a well known man
hereabouts as he has taught the
classics for many years. Altho his
son-in-law and wife are Christians
he has hitherto refused to listen to
their earnest preaching. He was
brought to the hospital yesterday very
emaciated and feverish. There was
some question whether he would
survive the operation but during
the operation his son-in-law, wife and daughter
kneelt in the hall way outside the
operating room and prayed earnestly.
The operation was very successful and
I confidently expect him to recover
rapidly.

Mr. Qu is still the hospital evangelist
and is a factually preacher. Every
afternoon he takes his stand in the
news ward and reads for half

an hour without much comment
from the new Testament. The
patients said we enjoy our regular
morning prayer service and
especially the on Sabbath afternoon
when we sing a great deal.

Even those very ill seemed benefited.
At present the patients' mind off
themselves.

We have not yet opened the remains
ward I regret to say. The prospect
of Miss Cameron's departure in the
near future has made it impossible.
I am very anxious as to the hospital's
successful operation when Miss Cameron
leaves. As you know the District
Station by circular letter requested
the Mission to make Jan 30th the
date when her resignation was to go
into effect. It has been affirmatively
voted upon.

Just what is best to be done when
she departs I do not know.
None of the other ladies of the

station seem to have any time to
 take from their evangelistic work
 and family or their home duties.
 Since the hospitals opening Miss
 Cameron has spent her entire time
 there from early morning ^{to} late at
 night. She has taken not even leisure
 for exercise or fresh air. I have been
 as busy with my student assistants
 all anxious for book study as well as
 for side teaching. I find little oppor-
 tunity to inquire into the house-
 keeping, laundrying, etc. etc.
 Our hospital is now a clean, sweet
 modern one with everything in
 keeping. The ^{that} kind people desire
 in Europe or America. The kind of
 in which I believe good, clean, medical
 and surgical work is being and
 can be done. That is in this
 condition, an object lesson in cleanliness
 and I believe in Godliness as well.
 is a large extent due to our American
 nurse. Mr. Swallen of Peking Yang

who was attending our winter class here last week remarked that it was the cleanest, nicest hospital he had seen in Korea.

Dr. J. Hunter, of Peking Yang, who has the hospital there, operated largely in native style with patients on the floor fold but he wished he had a modern building and modern beds.

It is hard enough to keep an American hospital clean, free from germs, vermin and dirt. You can imagine how much harder to keep one clean in Korea where every patient and every one of the numerous friends of every patient bring in with them one of the three. With a native style hospital it is simply not possible.

My student-assistants are earnest faithful, Christian boys but they know about hospital work only what Miss Cameron has been able to teach them in two months. It is out of the question to expect them to take charge of her work when she leaves. When the nurse connected with the largest

foreign hospital in Korea went away temporarily her place was not filled during her absence and the hospital ran down hill in her department very sadly. A patient who occupied a private room in that hospital a year after the nurses' return told me that she had not yet succeeded in getting things clean and that the private room occupied by this patient was still so full of bed bugs that only the constant efforts of herself and her maid kept them exterminated enough to allow of sleep.

I note that in your recent letter to the
Union you say that of the numerous
applicants for missionary nursing
none have the credentials desired and
I quite agree with you that every mission-
ary nurse should be willing and
expect to do the same kind of missionary
evangelistic work that every missionary
doctor ought to do. I hope that by
 this time the Board has found and

appointed the right kind of a nurse
to fill the vacancy caused by Miss
Cameron's resignation. But what is
to be done during the weeks perhaps
months that must elapse before this
new nurse can reach Dairen?

It seemed to me that the interests of
the work would be best conserved indeed
that it was almost necessary that Miss
Cameron remain at her post until
her successor arrived, until that successor
had at least been appointed and the
date of her outward journey definitely
fixed. I accordingly urged the Station
that they they recommended her resigna-
tion to go into effect as the Board
had suggested at the end of the
fiscal year. This however they did not
do and I am now confronted with
the dilemma of either closing the
hospital, keeping it open notwithstanding
the inevitable deterioration in medical
and surgical service rendered, in
evangelistic efficiency also on account
of overwork in the other services, or in

securing the services if possible of some foreign lady or Japanese nurse to fill in the interval until the arrival of Miss Cameron's successor.

Will you kindly advise me whether the Board are willing to pay for the
no services of some nurse that can be temporarily secured on the field until a successor to Miss Cameron is found? I have seriously considered engaging and paying for such assistance if it could be found from my own purse rather than close the hospital but with my family of four children and owing to the heavy expenses I was under during my three years furlough on account of ill health in the U.S. it does not seem perhaps fair to my family to do so.

Miss Cameron's health is so much better now, she is absolutely well, and she is so willing, even anxious to stay

longer. That it does seem to me very
poor policy from every point of view
not to allow her to do so. She has
been rendering good service in all
departments, her presence has made
major surgery more possible and her
defigature will cripple the entire
medical work of the hospital.

You may remember that a few years
ago during Miss Shields absence
from the Severance Hospital on account
of illness I think it was, Dr. Arson
was allowed to secure the services of
several Japanese nurses who were
paid I believe from Board funds.
Can the same be done in this case
also?

I have not as yet made
extensive enquiries but now that the
Japanese medical school and hospital
are opened in Seoul it may be
possible to secure a Japanese trained
nurse.

The Korean female nurses
has not as yet had long enough
training to assume such responsibility
altho I believe they will unquestionably later

dear history of one at home. Before
going to Seattle, ^{with} ~~himself~~ ^{she} ~~himself~~ ^{improved}
and felt herself so well that she
desired me to ^{discontinue} ~~discontinue~~ treatment.
I have ^{since} ~~since~~ ^{for} ~~for~~ ^{return} ~~return~~ ^{from} ~~from~~ ^{Seattle} ~~Seattle
I have expressed my desire to Dr
Lawless to do anything in my power
for Mrs Lawless as a "first affre-
hensive" regarding her health but
as he has not yet requested my services
and believes I judge that his own
careful nursing and attention
will be all that is necessary.
She is leading a semi-invalid life
has nursed her baby and looks
a little better recently.
The McFarland baby is gaining
some flesh recently which is a
great satisfaction to me. Miss
Pittgers has just gone to Pearl Harbor
National Park with her daughter and
sister because we thought the Pearl
Harbor school needed her. Unfortunately
Miss Mills will come here.~~

Very Sincerely Yours Woodbridge O Johnson

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W. O. Johnston

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My dear Doctor Brown -

We have our share of illness

Just now my youngest boy of 3 yrs. Dwight Alexander Johnson has pneumonia but is I think out of danger. My youngest girl Ruth Duval is just over a pernicious attack of bronchitis. The Adams 1 1/2 year old Baby George Jacob is just beginning an attack of pneumonia. Ruth on Farland had a severe bronchitis and lost her plump, rosy newly-acquired round cheeks but is better.

Mrs. Sawtelle who has been coming to me for treatment lately for the first time since her confinement in August, or early September, is somewhat better but still extremely thin. I hope she will gain enough to help feed her through the summer.

I have been better this winter than since my arrival in Tulsa and doing more work. As I wrote you some time ago a physician in active practice here uses his muscles sometimes as much as his brain. I go to the hospital immediately after breakfast at 7 a.m. and remain there with an interval for dinner until about nine at night. Of course these first few months demand attention to every detail of hospital management. Later I hope when the wheels are well greased my

student assistants will be able to take some things off my hands.

I was able recently to secure the bodies of two babies and have been giving them student demonstrations upon them. Later I hope to secure adult "subjects" and demonstrate from them. Anatomy can be learned only in this way. However as I feel my six student assistants I am not organizing a medical school. There is only one well equipped one among the missionary institutions in Seoul as yet in The Providence Hospital Medical School. I feel my young men I will give them as much as I am able of modern medicine & surgery, enough to enable them to do out a ^{good} work according to modern medical science. One of my senior students is already taking quite a lot of teaching from my shoulders. We have been averaging about fourteen patients steadily in the wards at one time. Some of them are out in the Korean Annex on the "stair floors" of which Dr. Wells and others have written so enthusiastically. Our short experience with them has not been very satisfactory. We took in one insane boy

who tore up the thick paper floor and after damaging the room considerably we were compelled to turn him over to the local official as he had become dangerous. The floors are difficult almost impossible to beat except at the one end over the fire-place, they are sure to cave in within a year or so and then need to be all torn up. We had a cataract case a woman of 50 yrs in a Korean room on the floor and Miss Cameron declared she was harder to attend to and kept clean that all the other patients who were on beds, combined.

Miss Cameron has been working from early morning until late at night ever since the hospital was opened.

As you know her resignation went into effect Jan 30th.

Rather than close up the hospital or let it run down here, I have told her that if she would remain until the end of the fiscal year I would pay her myself what amounts to keep her salary. The end of the fiscal year

April 30th, being the date that the Board set for her departure from the field. She has agreed to this.

I hope the Board will redlize the need of sending out a substitute to take Miss Cameron's place at once.

I have my hands too full of the medical and surgical work proper, of interviews with the friends and relatives of patients, of teaching and managing my students, of keeping the books and managing the hospital finances with the other manifold duties that devolve upon a Hospital Superintendent; too full of these things I repeat to ^{naturally} attend to the care of linen, laundry ^{women} sweeping, scrubbing and general housekeeping that fall to the head nurse or matron in a modern hospital. Of course if the Board do not feel they can make

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The effort sufficient to overcome the
obstacles in sending out a substitute
to fill the vacancy here I will
endeavor to attend to these ^{house}
-keeping duties myself But ^{Native}
with a long and extensive medical
education behind me and a fair
understanding of the Korean charac-
ter and ability to deal with and
influence them for the Gospel, an
experience of nearly eight years among
them it does not seem to me a
wise thing. From a financial point
of view the Board would profit by
utilizing all my time as a physician
and surgeon. From an evangelistic
view point by utilizing the physician
in charge of its missionary hospital
as its chief preacher and Christian
worker in that institution.
Do not imagine that it is other

than impossible for a Physician out here to act in the triple capacity of Physician and surgeon, house-keeper and matron, and spiritual leader of a modern hospital. One or more departments will be neglected inevitably.

I have made careful inquiries as to the possibilities of securing a Korean nurse from either the Methodist Hospital in Seoul or the Perseverance Hospital but without success. The Perseverance have ~~not yet~~ ~~graduated~~ their first class while the Methodist Training School will retain in their employ all of the small first graduating class this Spring.

The ladies of our Station have none of them the time to give more than an hour here or there, while hospital work requires from any one person engaged in it several working hours given continuously.

In regard to the sending of a substitute

To fill the vacancy here I would pay to
 not send anybody simply because she
 is a trained nurse and desires to come.
 Missionary nursing is so absolutely different
 from contract nursing that the two cannot
 be compared. There are plenty of nurses
 in the States as you know who are
 willing to come out on contract for a
 couple of years but what is wanted
 here is one who volunteers for life
 of course. Up until May I think
 you can safely send one. After that
 it will be better to wait until August
 when she would arrive in the early
 fall and by all means let her
 start in time to attend the Annual
 Mission Meeting which is held this
 year at P'yung Yang about Aug
 20th. However I sincerely
 hope can send her out before May
 The medical work of the whole station
 will suffer greatly if Miss Cameron's
 place is not filled as soon as she
 leaves. She has not said so directly

but I understand she is endeavoring
to find work elsewhere in Iowa

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Very Sincerely

Woodbridge Johnson M.D.

New York City

February 10, 1909

Arthur Judson Brown

W.O. Johnson, M.D.
Taiku, Korea

My dear Dr. Johnson:

Your letter of January 6th finds me involved in a number of important questions affecting various Missions and in the preparation of reports for the General Assembly. I must snatch a minute, however, to tell you that I read it carefully on the train this morning and that I thank you heartily for writing so fully. I am delighted to know that your health is improving and I appreciate the heavy labors you are performing. I wish that I could encourage you to believe that the Board would pay the cost of a substitute nurse after Miss Cameron leaves. But a long list of Board decisions on questions from various Missions involving the same principle unfortunately forbids, and with over \$800,000 to get the next three months to close the year without debt, the Board feels that special appropriations cannot be made. Moreover you know that the heavy expenses of bringing Miss Cameron home will be an extra. I see no alternative but for you to go on as best you can and, if possible, secure a Japanese or Korean nurse subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Mission and within the limits of the appropriations which the Board has made for the year.

Dr. White informs me that the only application from a nurse which he has yet received which looks at all promising is from one young lady who applies with special reference to the Hospital in Tripoli, Syria, and does not wish to go elsewhere. I have told him of the importance of getting a couple of nurses for Korea as soon as possible, and he says that he is doing the best he can. Many nurses are writing, but most of them are middle-aged women, many of them have no special education and no thought of doing, and no fitness for doing, missionary work. However, some of the papers are not yet complete and may turn out better than now appears probable.

Your problem, my dear Doctor, is a hard one, but if it is any consolation to know that others are in the same boat, you have that consolation. Hardly half a dozen of the fifty-seven hospitals under the care of the Board have foreign nurses.

I wish you would always see that the Hospital is given its proper name in reports, estimates and letters. The name is not given in the printed reports or estimates of the Mission, and I have had to hunt back through the files to get it straight. The friends of the donor in this country are apt to be sensitive if the hospital is talked about in print without the proper name being given. Do you write occasionally to the donor and keep her informed regarding the Hospital? I trust that you do. I am asking Mrs. Wood to send her some extracts from your last letter.

I am concerned by what you write about Mrs. Sawtell's health. I hope you will magnify the authority which Paragraph 27 of the Manual gives to medical missionaries.

Remember me cordially to Mrs. Johnson and believe me, as ever,

Affectionately yours,

A.J. Brown

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Dr. Arthur J. Brown,
Chin. Board of Dr. Brown,
Dear Dr. Brown,

This is the first time I have written to any member of the Miss Board, since I came to Hiden; but I feel so strongly the need of a nurse for our hospital as soon as she can be gotten out here, that I am even willing to pay one long-suffering secretary.

I have felt all along and do feel that you are convinced of our need and that you are trying to get us a nurse. We feel that a nurse is coming in time; but if only you could see the need as an immediate one, and then

Have the money to get her out here,
it will save us a hard summer
— here because of the injury which will
be done to the work, and to the equip-
ment, and to the force of workers.

I wish you could have been with me
yesterday when I took a crowd of
seventy-five right-arms through
this Hospital. It is the time of the
Women's Bible Class from the Country
Churches, and I invited my action
(Catechumens who can read) to come
and have a right-arm of the Hospital.

They were delighted, and came in
masses, so that I was forced to
take them through, by ^{another to help out 75 active} ~~separates~~.

When we came to the beautiful (the fac-
tually simpler) white ^(to paint) painted operating
room, one woman seized me by the hand
and asked earnestly: "Tell me, is

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Heaven any better than this? I showed them a stick
10 1/2 inches long which was forced down a man's stomach
in order to get rid of dyspepsia. The stick was much longer
than that when it was forced down his throat by the
well-meaning friend, but unfortunately it broke inside
of him, and the remaining part (10 1/2 in.) they were not
able to get out. So he came to the hospital in great
pains - and Dr. Johnson made an incision over the
stomach, located the end of the stick, made a hole in the
stomach itself and extracted the stick without difficulty.
That was two weeks ago. To day he is sitting up in bed,
enjoying life, and eats rice, only complaining because
they don't allow him any fried things yet.

As I said, this stick was a great sight -

So was the Francis Ward with its dainty white beds and the women resting in them in comfort - the room bath-tub with running water. The latter was so unexpected that they couldn't believe their eyes, and they laughed like children to see a spring in the top of a building!

Mrs. Cameron has worked very hard to keep things clean and the result is a credit to her. I was present at the operation, I mentioned, and as I saw her deftness and her quick understanding of the operator's needs, her careful antiseptic in preparing the room and the patient for the operation without which such operations are fatal, I realized fully what it meant to a hospital to have no trained nurse. It means a crippled, a badly-crippled work - you think the Koreans can do this work and they can in a few years, but they can't now! It takes three years to make a nurse out of an American girl who can read and write and who has a healthy instinct for cleanliness. If so, we can't expect a capable Korean nurse in any less time at any rate.

You think, perhaps, that the doctor
should be able to attend to a
nurse's work himself. You wonder
not if you realize all he has to
do in the management of the
institution, the training of six Korean
young men as doctors, and the
responsibility for the health of the
entire foreign community -

Before I came to Korea, and
before I married Dr. Johnson, I
took a short course in nursing
with a view to helping him in
his work here. I have helped
him from time to time, and have
been very glad of the fact that I
had some training; but with my
four children, to teach I can't
make a business of nursing outside
the home.

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I took my course in nursing at
the Sloan Maternity Hospital
in New York. Dr. Ellinwood kindly
gave a note of introduction to
Dr. John Hall, who so kindly wrote
a note to Mrs. William J. Sloan,
the donor of the Hospital.

Through his kindness I was
allowed to take a course of several
months at the Sloan Maternity
Hospital. It occurs to me that
she might be interested in the
work which she helped along,
and if you think best, I should
like to hear you send her
this letter, telling her of our need.
I met her once in the Hospital
and she was so interested, apparently
in the fact that I was going to

Karen that perhaps she might be interested now.
I was then Miss Parker — but of course she
wouldn't remember that. I was bathing a
tiny baby when she came into the room and
asked me if I was the nurse who was going to
Karen. Not knowing who she was, I went on with
my work, as I talked; and I was quite embar-
assed upon finding out afterwards who she was.

I feel badly at having written so long a letter,
and yet I wanted to say it all, too. Please
remember me to Mrs. Brown and to your son
whom I met in Boston.

Yours most sincerely,
Edith Parker Jones

March 10, 1909

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your file of letters from Missionsary doctors reveal the fact that every one with such a hostile manner one judging according to modern medical science and tells you that only this cat. has the best nurse.

Native women nurses must be depended
upon on the whole so nurse in
missionary hospitals but I quite dis-
agree with you as to who is to train
these native women. The doctor cannot
because he is not a nurse. He did not
study nursing but the practice of
medicine. Surely the profession of
the trained nurse needs no defense
as a separate and distinct calling. The
doctors have studied a little pharmacy
and can tinker along as druggists
but we have never studied nursing.
Because we have been in contact with
trained nurses is no argument toward
our fitness to teach others. You have
been in more or less constant contact
with stenographers but would not
attempt to teach stenography or typ-
writing. I believe European trained

I just saw 2
nurses are needed to teach the first
trained nurses on the mission fields.
Later there will become the teachers.
In Korea the Pres. Board has but
one trained nurse among six hospitals
already built and three, Chong Ju
Kang Kei and Won Ju soon to be
erected. Surely this branch of the
missionary service in Korea is not
overmanned.

Miss Cameron
ceased to draw her salary Jan 30th
as you know. Will it not be pos-
sible to fill her place by May 1st?
I understand from a member of the
Executive Committee of the Washington
Pa. Presbytery that they were willing
and anxious to take up the support
of another nurse in Miss Cameron's
place at once. If this is the case
and after an interval of three
months enough of Miss Cameron's
lapsed salary will have accumulated
to pay her return passage home.

is in not only right and fair
to the ~~Doctor~~ ^{mission} work and
the Washington Presbytery that at
the time he sent out at that
date. I recognize that it is
not easy to secure the right kind
of a woman for missionary nurse
and better go slow than make a
mistake but so many months
have now elapsed since Miss
Cameron's resignation ^{in May last year} that I judge
a suitable one must be on your
waiting list of candidates.

I need someone right away to begin
to teach the young women we have.
the art of nursing. Miss Cameron
is not yet very strong, opening the
hospital which has been well patronized
from the start has taxed her quite
severely and she has had no time
or strength for teaching. Both she
and I have just from early morn-
ing till late at night the past four months
at the hospital. I have now seven
students whom I am endeavoring

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with the aid of a very few inadequate
medical books to give a medical
education. The teaching of these, my
strictly medical and surgical duties
together with the general oversight of the
hospital and otherwise of the hospital
duty and all my time and strength
and more. As I draw a salary
about double that of a trained nurse
it is not economy for me to put
my time into the training of native
women nurses.

The hospital ~~is~~ ^{is} growing in
favor as it becomes more widely known
and patients are coming from great
distances. One today from nearly a
hundred miles away. Did I tell
you of the stomach case we had two
weeks ago. He is a Mr. On living
about twenty five miles away. As
he had dyspepsia badly a friend pre-
pared a 2 1/2 foot reed, tied a cloth swab
on the end and pushed it down his

throat as fast as it would it would
go in order to save the food that
the sticking place. Unfortunately
the need broke off and left all the
riches and the rest in his stomach.
After five days of suffering he
was brought in on a chair. He
could neither eat nor drink and lay
in a most pitiful condition most
of the time. We gave him Chloroform
and opened his abdomen and stomach
by median incisions. The piece of
rod with suture attached was found
lying entirely in the stomach, was
extracted and Mr. On has made a
fine recovery. He ate a big bowl of
rice today and said he wanted to
walk home.

I had letter from my mother today.
She mentioned a call at the Board
rooms that you thought it possible
you might visit Hong next fall.
I sincerely hope it may be possible.
Shoping Chess from soon about the
nurse. I remain very sincerely
Woodbridge O. Johnson M.D.

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New York City

June 29, 1909

Arthur Judson Brown

Dr. W.O. Johnson, M.D.
Taiku, Korea

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I am enjoying a long coveted opportunity to write some letters to individual missionaries today, though in order to get the opportunity, I have had to flee from the office to the quiet of my home in Montclair. I am thinking about the little company of missionaries at Taiku and wish to send you at least a few lines of remembrance and greeting. I trust that you and Mrs. Johnson are enjoying good health and that you are as happy as ever in your work.

I suppose that there are few missionaries who have heavier burdens upon time and strength and sympathy than a busy medical missionary. As I look through some of our great hospitals at home and watch several surgeons and half a dozen nurses in the operating room, I wonder what some of these surgeons would think of the conditions amid which the typical medical missionary has to operate. I suppose a medical missionary's operations, too, are more apt to be what we call "heroic", as many patients do not go to you at all until their cases become chronic or until they have made things pretty bad either by neglect or by the crude methods of native treatment which are often worse.

However, this is just where the great privilege of the missionary physician comes in. The other day I read the following words from Dr. Grenfel, the famous missionary on the coast of Labrador:

"I've never been sorry a moment for the choice I made. There is reward in it. I used to have a different idea of Christian reward - - this kind of reward with a halo in it and a pair of wings. That didn't appeal to me. But I am getting a reward that is worth while - getting it every day, too - the reward of the satisfaction there is in doing things that help people, and the reward of knowing that this is something that the Master approves. That's what He did when He was here - helped people - and if we want to follow Him, that's what we have to do, too."

I am sure that those words represent your own feeling as well as Dr. Grenfel's. It is magnificent to work for God and to know that something is being accomplished for Him and for His Church.

I received a few weeks ago your letter of February 9th and Mrs. Johnson's letter of March 7th. You, of course, know ere this of the appointment of the long-desired nurse. I am very sorry that you and Mrs. Johnson were having such anxieties in the illness of your beloved children and earnestly hope that long ere this they have fully recovered their health.

With warm regards to Mrs. Johnson, I remain, as ever,

Affectionately yours,

A.J. Brown

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AD INTERIM ACTIONS 1908-1909.

Dr. Moffett presented a request that Mrs. Moffett be given permission to go to America in the fall to be absent from the field a year, more or less, as might be necessary, and that Dr. Moffett be permitted to accompany her as far as Kobe. This was approved by the Mission Nov. 1, 1908.

Taiku Station requested that in concurrence with the Board's action of date Oct. 8, 1908, the date at which Miss Cameron's resignation should take effect, should be on or before Jan. 30, 1909.

Taiku Station requested the Mission to ask the Board to authorize the addition of a porch to the Taiku Hospital; the money for this being the gift of Miss Henrietta M. Speer of Washington, Penna., and the estimated cost about \$400. The request was accompanied by a letter of explanation, and was approved on the receipt of a letter from Miss Wright, the donor of the Hospital, about Feb. 1, 1909.

Fusan Station requested the Mission to sanction the special gift of \$150 by the Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church of Montclair, N. J., for use in the Junkin Memorial Hospital, the same having been paid to the New York Treasurer and appropriated by the Board for this purpose, as shown in Dr. Brown's letter of Dec. 23, 1908. This was approved Feb. 20, 1909.

P'yong Yang Station asked for approval of the request for \$500.00 more for the Theological Seminary plant, making a total of \$4,000 (\$3,500 having been approved at Annual Meeting) it being desired to install a heating plant estimated to cost \$400 (including freight and installation) and to use \$100 in extra grading and ornamentation of the grounds with soil and trees, bringing the total amount asked for up to \$4,000. This was approved Feb. 20, 1909.

With the concurrence of Taiku Station, Seoul Station

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Dr. Arthur Brown

Taiku, Korea, Oct. 2d, 1909.
Presbyterian Mission Hospital.

My Dear Friend:-

As we look back over the year's work we have a great many reasons for thankfulness. The Jesus Doctrine Hospital at Taiku, has become more widely known among the people than before, as a place where the sick and miserable are received and kindly treated, and where the Gospel of Jesus is preached.

As we review the work both medically and evangelistically, we see errors of judgment, and some mistakes which stand out rather glaringly, but these are guide posts for the future, and as we look backward we can thank God fervently for His gracious leading throughout the year.

To all who have come to the hospital and dispensary, the gospel has been faithfully preached. Morning prayers are usually conducted by the doctor, or by Mr. Su Chai Myung, the evangelistic helper. Occasionally one of the student assistants is asked to take charge. Every afternoon the evangelistic helper, Mr. Su has given a Bible reading and exposition in the main men's ward, which has we believe, been very profitable, for during and after it the convalescent patients frequently take part, discussion is aroused, and the Way is made clear. The Lord's Prayer, and our scripture texts on the walls have been the means of helping some learn to read. We endeavor to get all to memorize the Apostles Creed and Lord's Prayer by constant repetition at morning prayers.

The Sunday afternoon service from one hour to one and one half hours has been much enjoyed by the patients. The Rev. H.M. Bruen, the hospital pastor, has led or provided leaders for two of these meetings monthly. At the other services, the helper or Dr. Johnson has preached. We endeavor to have much singing at these services, and Mrs. Johnson who has charge of the music, has frequently secured the kind assistance of both ladies and gentlemen of the station on these occasions.

Most important of all forms of evangelism in the hospital, stands personal work by Doctor, evangelist and students. To help each patient realize that God the Father loves him, that Jesus is his Savior and interested in his present illness, that the present season of helplessness and pain may have been definitely planned by the Father to bring him to the knowledge and acceptance of this Savior; this is our ideal. And to have the name of Jesus reverently, yet constantly heard in the wards as the One upon whom all this hospital work depends, and for whose sake it is being done, this is our endeavor.

42. Much more medical and surgical work has been done this year than during previous ones. And it is interesting to note that the Korean who was formerly willing to be dosed with his half pint decoctions made from fried toads, spiders, cobwebs and snakes five times a day, and patiently endured the thrusts of a long rusty needle at the hand of his Korean doctor, is beginning to appreciate that a small powder or compressed tablet is just as beneficial, and much pleasanter to take, and that an operation with an anaesthetic and after-treatment from gentle, intelligent hands, in a clean comfortable bed, will quicker heal an inflamed joint, or a diseased bone.

Our medical cases during the year have not proved very satisfactory. Most of them were kept at home under native treatment until too late to be helped; and it is a weakness of the average Korean, due largely to ignorance of modern medical treatment, to be unable to wait more than a few days for restoration to health, without making a change to another doctor, and different kind of medicine. So, if the medical case does not get well within a week, he is taken home again.

Diseases of the various bones of the body, removal of tumors, hair lip and similar plastic surgery, eye diseases, occasional amputations, tubercular diseases of every variety, have formed the bulk of the surgery.

Old dislocations of the elbow joint, one of three, and one of four months, were successfully and permanently reduced, the Brachial artery was ligated with perfect result and one Caesarean section performed.

Several blind have received their sight, many cripples have gone out walking, and lepers, while, if not entirely healed, have been greatly benefited and made able to return to useful occupation.

An isolated Korean room in our annex, built in native style, was given over during the winter to this unfortunate class. The recent successful treatment by intra-muscular injections advocated by a German physician in Africa, was persistently followed out, and of the twelve patients treated, nine went home benefited, seven of them markedly, two considered themselves well. However, the experiment has demonstrated the inability of these unfortunates to remain long enough for a thorough treatment. Instead of the year, most of them left in from three to five months. This, together with the danger of contagion, has decided us against receiving any in the future.

Probably our star surgical case during the year was honest No. Cha Dong of Yung Chun. He was fifty seven years old, and had suffered long from chronic dyspepsia. A quart of half cooked rice made tasty with mashed red peppers and strong bean brine three times a day for many years had naturally produced some abnormal changes at the end of the red lane.

When an acute attack of indigestion came on therefore, and the rice would neither go down, nor come up, he was quite willing to accept the services of a young Korean doctor whom the doctor took a thin two and a half foot reed tied a cloth wash firmly to the end and introducing it into the throat, proceeded to push the reed down past the attacking point. It went down all right, but, unfortunately, the reed broke off and left a piece ten and a fourth inches long in the stomach and the esophagus. After four days of great suffering and inability to swallow anything but a little rice water, he was brought to our hospital, a distance of thirty miles. A gastroscopy was the operation indicated which was performed through the usual abdominal incision. The broken piece of reed was found lying almost entirely within the stomach, removed and the patient made a rapid recovery. He became a Christian during convalescence and after a few weeks he and his wife walked back, a most happy couple. For this case we received a fee of fifty cents.

We have felt the need during the year of more private rooms for the use of wealthy patients. The one which we have being almost continuously occupied has proved an excellent source of income. The Korean gentlemen object to having a bed in the public ward. Old Mr. B. No less, a wealthy "Xangban" with heart disease and chronic pleurisy which had to be frequently tapped was with us for months and caused much trouble. He insisted upon having his socks and trousers on in bed and objected to having troublesome patients placed near him. He used to sleep all day and stay awake all night and early discovering that the big register was the source of heat for the whole ward, he insisted upon getting out of bed, creeping over and sitting upon it whenever he had opportunity. From thence he had to be regularly carried back to his place. He was a most likable old gentleman and very respectful toward the hospital. I have come to believe on God he used to say "but it is hard to accept Jesus Christ as his son".

Another wealthy Xangban, Kim Chusa, who occupied the bed near Mr. B., understood Christianity thoroughly as he has been one of my patients off and on for nine years. This time he had a malignant abscess from the intense suffering of which our operations speedily relieved him and his gratitude knew no bounds. He argued continually with Mr. B. about the truth of the Gospel urging him to believe, but in answer to my direct inquiry as to why he did not continue Christ openly himself, he inconsistently replied: "Yes, I believe, but I am the leader of my family and a large number of relatives look to me to lead them in the worship of our ancestors. Surely such a man needs the prayers of many of our ancestors." Little Han Soo In, twelve years of age, came to the hospital with tubercular abscess of the knee, a hopeless in-

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valid for the past five years. He was a querulous and irritable invalid, unable to read, but the clean white bed in the big sunny ward looking out in the missionary's garden, the cheerful singing, the fun of the students, all changed the current of his thoughts, and before many days he had learned to read and was singing with the rest every morning.

After his thigh was amputated he became quite well and strong, and when he went home asked us earnestly for a Bible, for he said; "It will be much harder to be a Christian at home than in the Hospital."

We fitted him out with a pair of crutches, and now he goes to church in them every Sunday, the first Korean in Taikoo "to wear crutches".

"I am preaching to my father and brother and read the Bible to them, but they will not believe as yet" he told me, when I last met him.

Many of our patients have become Christians and in our evangelistic work have been a great help to us, in explaining the scriptures, in exhorting their heathen fellow patients to believe, in repressing unseemly conduct and disorder in the wards.

During the past season regular instruction has been given to our student-assistants in anatomy, Physiology, Materia Medica, Therapeutics, Practice of Medicine, Obstetrics, and Surgery.

They are all doing good work. Their greatest difficulty is in being punctual. A good watchman's clock hanging in the hall has proved of much value in helping them as it registers unflinchingly every neglect or delay.

A rich man's son, Chung Chen Fong, who was paying sixty Dollars a year tuition has finally dropped out. We found the work too hard, he said. We regret the loss of his tuition fee which was much needed, but it was found impossible to keep him to his duty and he demoralized the other students.

Work in the Dispensary has been much hampered by our miserable quarters, part of the building being mud walled and straw thatched, the one room eighteen by nine feet being used for operating, consulting, dressing and dispensing and drug room combined. Its rough wooden floors and mud walls soaked with germs are a continual menace to the health of our students and dispensary patients as well as to the patients in the hospital. The better class will not attend our clinics there. We need a dispensary at once and pray that some friend may be moved to give the two thousand dollars asked by our mission for this purpose. One of our patients a young girl of twenty, had a sad history. She married very young with a disease of the lower spine. Her husband discovering it cast her off and she came to us in despair. "For eight years", she said, "it has been cut and burned and probed times without number by Korean doctors". Extreme cure in aseptic dressings with repeated skin grafting healed the extensive ulcer in two months and perfectly well and strong, she was radiantly happy but unwilling to return to her husband. We be-

case of necessity the go-between in the case and numerous letters and interviews succeeded in effecting a reconciliation.

Few visits in homes have been made during the year as we can give our patients far better treatment in the hospital. One of the last was a confinement case in a room six feet by six and five in height. The doctor, the American trained nurse, two student assistants, the patient and her husband were crowded here from one in the afternoon until seven in the evening working on our hands and knees without dinner or supper. Drained with sweat from the hard physical exertion and more or less affected by the fumes of the chloroform long continued we were thoroughly worn out at its end and decided to insist upon all such cases in the future coming to the hospital. The fee obtained in this case was but two fifty, but as the whole family formerly heathen became Christians, we felt more than repaid.

The health of the station as a whole during the past year has been good altho a few of our number have had illnesses extending over long periods as the number of professional visits of the doctor, six hundred and seventy eight, indicate. We desire to make special mention of the efficient work done by Miss Christine Cameron, our trained nurse, in the varied duties of the hospital.

Our friends at home have been especially kind to us and we would hereby thankfully acknowledge gifts from:

Mrs. A. R. Perkins and	German town, Pa.
Miss Valeria Penrose,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Second Presbyterian Church,	Bedford, N.Y.
Miss Sarah Smith	New York City.
Miss W.W. Hubbard,	Summit, N.J.
Rev. M.J. Morgan,	Topeka, Kan.
The "Golden Rule Mission Club", Pres. Church,	Pittsburg, Pa.
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Ladies of Women's Presbyterian Soc.,	Vilkes-Barre, Pa.
Young Women's Miss. Soc. 1st Presbyterian Ch.	Serguin, Texas
Ladies of Presbyterian Church,	Wt. Airy, Pa.
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Dr. Wm. Penn Vail,	Philadelphia, Pa.
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Mr. Jos. C. Ferguson,	Philadelphia, Pa.
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(Signed) Woodbridge O. Johnson, M.D.

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My Dear Dr. Brown:-

You have at the office, of course, received the telegram announcing the passing of my wife to appear before the Master. I supposed I should have written you before, but I have been too much distressed, and pressed with other things to bring myself to do it. I do not know if other members of the station have written you. Perhaps Dr. Johnson has. Her death was quite unexpected. A week before she was in the best of health, and had been so ever since our return from furlough five years ago. As you perhaps knew after your visit with us, she was pregnant, four months advanced. On Saturday, 10/22, she was taken with slight symptoms of miscarriage, and for three days went to bed; nothing further developing the Doctor was expecting to let her up when on Tuesday morning she was taken with violent hemorrhages, and miscarried. Before all was over she had lost large quantities of blood, and was left in a very exhausted condition. ~~for~~ ~~for~~ She rallied however and for two days showed every prospect of recovery, so that we were beginning to congratulate ourselves that all danger was past, when suddenly dysentery developed. In her already exhausted and bloodless condition, she was unable to resist the disease, and passed away Sunday morning, Oct. 30. th.

It was a great comfort to me to see what a hold she had attained upon ~~for~~ the affections of all the Koreans. She had labored here among them for twelve years, and had never spared herself in it. I knew how she loved them but I had not realized how they loved her. The women asked that they might see her face again before the body was laid away, and as her body looked as though she had just fallen asleep with a faint

smile on her face, we let them come through the house past the casket. It will always be a green and fragrant spot in my memory. Over a thousand women must have passed, most of them weeping as they went. When we took the body from the house we found the path from the door on both sides lined with Koreans all the way to the grave. There must have been two or three thousand of them. As the Elders bore the casket along, they fell in behind and followed. Truly her works were following her, and she was ~~here~~ honored in her passing as it is given but few servants of God to be ~~here~~ honored in any land or age. Over a thousand women, of an alien race, weeping, followed her body to the grave. Yet she was a woman with a painfully humble opinion of her own gifts. If her spirit looked down and saw the scene, I am sure she must have burst into astonished praises of God's grace.

2 I see that the Manual says that in case of a widow living on the field with children, special arrangements will be made in each case with regard to income. I was under the necessity of asking the Board that such arrangement be made for myself. There are four children, three of whom are over the ten year line, and myself. I do not expect to send them to America. I shall either secure a housekeeper, if that is possible, or my sister Mrs Baird will take them. The expense will not be greatly different in either case. I do not know as it is my place to say what my probable needs will be. I do not see how they can be greatly less than before. I have written the Treasurer Mr. Genao, asking him through the Finance Com. to make some provisional arrangement, and to take the matter up for permanent decision with the Board. Believe me,

Yours in the Blessed Service,

Jan E. Holman

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